

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	6773	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	5/26/2011	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve naming of the new Chestnut House, located at 1183 Chestnut Avenue, as the Britton, Durst, Howard and Spence Building.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
<b>For More Information:</b>	Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager, 974-9452; April Thedford, Program Coordinator, 974-6716
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

Additional Backup Information

The Parks and Recreation Department received 2 applications for the naming of the new Chestnut House, which is located at 1183 Chestnut Avenue, in the Rosewood Neighborhood Park. The Chestnut House is a 1,800 square foot multi-purpose facility that sits on the northwest corner of Rosewood Neighborhood Park. The facility will be used as offices for two youth organizations and will also be available for neighborhood meetings.

One naming application suggested that the new Chestnut House be named the Britton, Durst, Howard and Spence Building. These men were prominent leaders that spent time coaching and mentoring youth on the eastside. The second application suggested the building be named after Willie M. Kirk, a former AISD school teacher. Ms. Kirk has been recognized by the Texas State Senate for her community work. Other accolades include her induction into the African American Woman’s Hall of Fame, 1993 Black Caucus outstanding Texan Award, and the Carver Library’s Martin L. King Award.

On March 14, 2011, the Land & Facilities committee of the Parks Board heard public comment on the suggested names and forwarded both of the nominations from the community to the Parks & Recreation Board for action. On April 26, 2011, the Parks and Recreation Board voted to move forward with a recommendation to the City Council with the name of Britton, Durst, Howard and Spence on a vote of 6-0-1.